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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to express my support for the settlement with Microsoft. As a company, Microsoft must be allowed to develop new products without constant interference from the government. Wasting millions of dollars more on this unnecessary litigation is just plain wrong.

Microsoft has already agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms, including price. And the company has agreed to disclose to its competitors technical information that will allow them to write programs that work better with Windows. What's more, Microsoft has agreed to a "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement.

This is above and beyond what Microsoft should do but the company agreed to it so that it can get back to business as soon as possible. The settlement clearly will benefit consumers and the economy. Enacting this agreement is in the best interests of the country as well.

Sincerely.

Nancy Skidmore